

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 are pending in this application.

§ 102(b) Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 over Yamazaki et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-6¹ under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2000-051370 to Yamazaki et al. ("Yamazaki et al.").

To properly anticipate Applicants' claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every element as set forth in the claim must be found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. See M.P.E.P. § 2131. *Yamazaki et al.* fails to disclose each and every element recited in independent claim 1.

For example, *Yamazaki et al.* does not disclose a display equipment comprising, *inter alia*, "means for calculating each approximate value of the bone weight, the water weight and/or muscular weight of the body on the basis of the impedance as measured and said personal information," as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

Instead, *Yamazaki et al.* teaches a "body fat rate calculation unit (103) [that] computes the body fat rate based on the impedance of a human body measured by an impedance measurement unit and the input individual data" (Abstract; emphasis added). A "corpulence degree judging means 104 judges a corpulence degree based on the body fat percentage which the body fat percentage calculation means 103 computed" (paragraph 14).

¹ Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on December 10, 2004, cancelling claim 4 and adding claim 6.

However, calculating a body fat percentage of the user does not constitute “calculating each approximate value of the bone weight, the water weight and/or muscular weight of the body,” as required by claim 1 (emphasis added).

Moreover, *Yamazaki et al.* fails to disclose “means for judging the somatotypes of the body which are classified on the basis of the correlations between the approximate value as calculated and the body weight,” as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

The “approximate value” recited in claim 1 refers to “each approximate value of the bone weight, the water weight and/or muscular weight,” which are recited in claim 1. Judging a corpulence degree based on the body fat percentage, as disclosed in *Yamazaki et al.*, does not constitute “judging the somatotypes of the body which are classified on the basis of the correlations between the approximate value as calculated,” where the approximate value refers to “the bone weight, the water weight and/or muscular weight” as required by claim 1 (emphasis added).

Thus, since *Yamazaki et al.* does not disclose each and every element of claim 1, claim 1 and claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 that depend therefrom are allowable over *Yamazaki et al.* under § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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